RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2181

Docket No.: 1075.1254

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shin-ichi NISHIZONO et al.

Serial No. 10/805,338

Group Art Unit: 2181

Confirmation No. 8996

Filed: March 22, 2004

Examiner: Chun Kuan Lee

For:

STORAGE CONTROLLING APPARATUS, STORAGE APPARATUS AND RECONNECTION CONTROLLING METHOD IN THE STORAGE APPARTUS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on March 26, 2008.

A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 26, 2008.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.